

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-82. (cancelled)

83-92. (cancelled)

93. (currently amended) A method of making RNA comprising:

(a) obtaining a N4 virion RNA polymerase consisting of a transcriptionally active mini-vRNAP consisting of a sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NOS: 4, 6, or 8 either: mini-vRNAP; or the Y678F mutant form of mini-vRNAP, wherein the amino acid at position number 678 is phenylalanine rather than tyrosine;

(b) obtaining a single-stranded DNA oligonucleotide wherein said single-stranded DNA oligonucleotide contains a N4 virion RNA polymerase promoter sequence;

(c) admixing said N4 virion RNA polymerase and said single-stranded DNA oligonucleotide; and

(d) culturing said N4 virion RNA polymerase and said single-stranded DNA oligonucleotide under conditions effective to allow RNA synthesis.

94. (cancelled)